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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-5 and 7-28 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-5 and 7-28 have been rejected.

Claims 1, 7, and 18 have been amended in this submission. Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 7-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Ahmed et al. (US Patent No. 6,816,460) in view of Dunko et al. (US Patent Application Publication No. 20020183068 A1). In view of the remarks below, Applicants traverse the rejection and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

As recognized by the Examiner, Ahmed does not teach or even remotely suggest constructing a routing list of at least some of the mobile devices of the ad-hoc network, which sub-set includes devices that have installed thereon common application software, as essentially recited in claims 1, 7, and 18.

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The Examiner, therefore, attempts to find this missing element by combining the teaching of Ahmed with Dunko. Specifically, the Examiner has pointed to paragraph 36 of Dunko, which states:

[0036] The present invention allows searching for both individuals or group members that are contained in the database. . . In one exemplary embodiment, the mobile terminal 10 includes a BLUETOOTH interface 40 and searches for other BLUETOOTH devices within range (i.e., about 100 meters). The search is performed using standard BLUETOOTH search methods to identify compatible BLUETOOTH devices in range that are running the same application. When another compatible BLUETOOTH device is found, a communication link with the found device is established in conventional fashion (e.g., page) and the found device provides its search code to the searching device. Alternatively, the two devices may exchange search codes. The searching mobile terminal 10 compares the received search code provided by the found device to the search list containing search codes for the selected individuals and/or groups. If a match is found, the mobile terminal 10 determines the identity of the matching individual or group and notifies the user of the mobile terminal 10. Any form of notification may be used, such as an audible tone, vibration, or visual notification. (emphasis added)

The Examiner states that Dunko's "common" application is any Bluetooth application compatible with the searching device's Bluetooth application. However, once the compatible devices are established, the creation of a sub-network based on Dunko is based on identity of a user-selected group of friends. This does not result in a routing list of a sub-network of the mobile ad-hoc network of mobile devices capable of communicating with each other, wherein the sub-network includes only mobile devices that include an installed common application software.

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The Dunko reference, therefore, does not disclose or suggest producing a routing list of a sub-network of devices capable of communication, wherein the criterion for inclusion in the routing list is the presence of an installed common application software, as essentially recited in claims 1, 7, and 18.

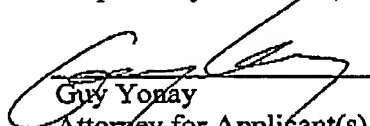
Based on the above, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1, 7 and 18 are allowable over the art of record, as are claims 2-5, 8-17 and 19-28, which respectively depend therefrom. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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